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merly commenced in the provincial court, and now depending in the general court on the eastern shore, and the same so packed up and sorted shall by or before the aforesaid ninth day of April next safely transmit, under the care of some trusty person, to the clerk of the general court for the eastern shore, and the said person, so packing up and transmitting the papers aforesaid, shall have seventy-five pounds for his trouble and expences.

Papers in the
late prerogative
office to
be packed up,
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That the officer having the custody of the original papers in the late prerogative office shall, on or before the first day of October next, sort out and pack up, in distinct parcels, all the original papers to each county belonging, or in any manner appertaining, to the estates of deceased persons, which have been lodged in the late prerogative office, from the year seventeen hundred and sixty, and which estates may not have been finally settled, and such papers, so sorted, the officer aforesaid shall deposit in boxes or packages, to be prepared by him for that purpose, and the same shall safely transmit to the register of wills in each county in this state, and the register of wills in each county shall cause such original papers, contained in such box for his county, on receipt thereof, to be lodged in his office within ten days after the receipt thereof, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money; and the officer, packing up and transmitting the papers last aforesaid, shall be entitled to three hundred pounds for his services.

Registers of
wills for Frederick,
&c.
counties, to
pack up papers,
&c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the register of wills for Frederick county shall, and he is hereby required to separate, sort, and pack up, all such papers as he shall receive from the officer aforesaid, and which shall relate to any estate in Montgomery and Washington counties, and transmit the same, within twenty days from his receipt thereof, to the register of wills for Montgomery and Washington counties respectively, under the penalty of twenty pounds: And the register of wills for Baltimore county shall, and he is hereby required to separate, sort, and pack up, all such papers as he shall receive from the officer aforesaid, and which may relate to any estate in Harford county, and transmit the same, within twenty days from his receipt thereof, to the register of wills for Harford county, under the penalty of twenty pounds: And the register of wills for Queen-Anne's and Dorchester counties respectively shall separate, sort, and pack up, all such papers as they shall receive from the officer aforesaid, and which may relate to any estate in Caroline county, and transmit the same, within twenty days from the receipt thereof, to the register of wills for Caroline county, under the penalty of twenty pounds. And the respective registers of wills for Frederick, Baltimore, Queen-Anne's, and Dorchester counties, shall be entitled to a reasonable reward for their services, to be assessed in their respective county levies.

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An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears by the journal of accounts and list of debts, that there is now due from this state the sum of six thousand five hundred and ninety-two pounds thirteen shillings and seven-pence:

II. 25c